



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Halseth et al.**

Application No.: 09/633,793

Attorney Docket No.: 1032-P01510US1

Filed: August 7, 2000

For: "Fluid Sampling Device with Retractable Needle"

Examiner: Maiorino, Roz

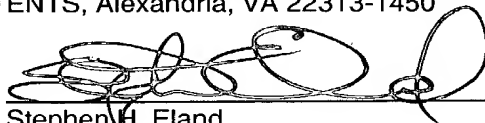
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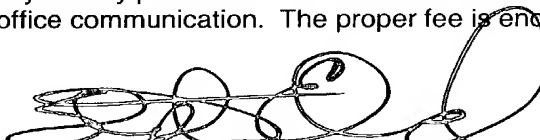
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Petition for Extension Under 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Applicant's undersigned attorney hereby petitions for an extension of time of **three (3)** months beyond the time period set in the last office communication. The proper fee is enclosed as identified in the enclosed Fee Transmittal form.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following pages.

The amendments to the **claims** begin on **page 2**.

The **remarks** concerning the office action and Applicants' amendments begin on **page 6**.